

**REMARKS****1. Status Of The Claims**

Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 21 are pending in this application. Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 31 were pending in this application by virtue of an Article 34 amendment filed in the PCT application. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 3-6, 8, 12, 17 and 20 and canceled claims 22 to 31 without prejudice. Entry of the claim amendments is respectfully requested.

**II. Claim Amendments**

Claims 3-6, 8, 12, and 20 were amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claim 17 was amended to remove a typographical error for clarity. No new matter is added by these amendments, full support for the amendments being found in the specification and drawings as filed.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested. If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone with the Applicant's representative, then the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly.

No fees are believed due by the Preliminary Amendment as the fees for the claims remaining after this Preliminary Amendment are paid with the 35 U.S.C. §371 Transmittal Letter. If, however, any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby

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authorized to charge any fees associated with this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit  
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